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## OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."

## ...Editorial...

## POOR DELUDED MORTALS.

The writer overheard the following remark one day this week: "We have no business to be in this war. It was entirely uncalculated for, and there is no excuse for it." The remark undoubtedly reflects the sentiment of a great number of people, and what a pity it is. Poor deluded mortals, who cannot see beyond the limits of their own narrow, biased and bigoted sphere. Perhaps a person should not be censured for a scarcity of gray matter, and a correspondingly limited vision, but it is a pity nevertheless, that every one cannot now comprehend the seriousness of this great war, and the necessity of our own country's participation.

Had it not been for our own entry into the conflict, Germany would have won the war by this time. There is no question about that. The allies across the water would ere this have been on their knees begging for mercy. After that had been accomplished, it would have been our turn next, and there is no question about that either. Developments since our declaration of war, and events prior to that time which have since been made public, demonstrate beyond the question of a doubt that the United States would have been the next victim. We would then have been fighting our battles alone, and unprepared as we were and as we still are, the ruthless German hordes would have swept everything before them, and our children and children's children would be paying tribute to a victorious Germany.

No, aside from the outrages committed against neutral Belgium; aside from the slaughter of innocent American women and children when the Lusitania went down; aside from the unspeakable crimes committed by the barbarian Huns against the civilized nations of the world; aside from all this and more, we are fighting for our own life. We are fighting that our children may live to enjoy the peace and liberty won by our forefathers on the field of battle in the years gone by. We are fighting to insure a world that in the future will be safe for democracy, and not subject to the ravages and dictation of an autocratic Germany.

Some time we hope, every citizen of this land will know and understand just why we are in this war. Right now, however, there are many who do not know, and many who are so unloyal, through ignorance probably, that they will question the good motives of this government in entering the conflict. Be that as it may, we are in the war and God pity us all, if we cannot push the conflict to a victorious conclusion.

## UP TO THE FARMERS.

Do the farmers in this community want a canning factory; and do they want it bad enough to do their part in getting it? In other words, the canning factory proposition is strictly up to the farmers. No man will come here or go to any other location for that matter and expend from \$20,000 to \$30,000 getting ready to do business, unless he can be shown that he will get the business to warrant such an expenditure. The only consideration right now is, will the farmers contract to grow the requisite amount of canning factory produce to insure the business, and up to this time very little interest has been shown by those outside the immediate village. Business men on the street cannot grow canning products, but they are willing to do their part in another way. There is no necessity of making a big stir about a site or location. All that will follow in due time, when the necessary acreage is secured. No one doubts the advantages to be derived from a canning factory. Thousands and thousands of dollars would be paid out in the community for produce, besides such an institution would furnish employment for twenty-five or thirty people during all the summer months. No one questions this, and all will agree that such an institution would be a big asset to Paw Paw; but that don't get us anywhere. Of course the country has not been canvassed yet, and a canvass ought not to be necessary. Farmers should wake up, and show their willingness to do their part in securing this industry. That is, if they want it. See some member of the acreage committee or member of the Commercial club, and give it a boost by telling them how many acres of produce you will grow for a factory. Stir around among the neighbors, and get up a little enthusiasm. We have the right man now to operate a successful canning factory, one that will mean something to this community. He is a sound, thorough business man, who does things as they should be done and has the money to finance such a project. If we ever want a canning factory, now is the time. We can never get another similar proposition that looks as good as this one. The question, however, is up to the farmers. Do you seriously want such an institution here, and are you willing to do your part to secure it?

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"The time has come," says Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, "when suffrage should be given to the women of America. As a matter of fact, the present time is no more opportune than any other for the giving of the franchise to women. If woman suffrage is desirable, it was as desirable twenty years ago as it is today. What Mr. McAdoo really meant was that the time has come for him to advocate woman suffrage."

The stock of whiskey on hand in this country is estimated to be enough to last for three years; the stock of sugar on hand is enough for three weeks; the stock of coal on hand is enough for about the same time. If sugar and coal required time to develop their flavor and add to their value, there would be plenty of them also.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Lela Bates, '18

You Are Invited to Visit School. Chapel exercises were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Trott of the Methodist church. He brought out the fact that one should aim to have a complete mastery of himself rather than allow habits to dictate to the individual.

Charles Smith, Loren Smith, Dorothy Jacobs, Alice Stevenson, Sarah Bates, Pearl McGrady, Allen Young, May Wotsekha and Alice Wolf, of the third grade did perfect work in spelling during the past week.

Mrs. J. Hirleman was a visitor in the first grade Tuesday.

School was dismissed at 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon and for a half hour the band gave a very fine entertainment on the grounds in the front of the school building.

English 11 have finished reading Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

Mrs. Wilbur and Mrs. Taylor were visitors in the first grade last Friday. Laura Stout of the fourth grade and her sister Katherine of the sixth, have moved to Plymouth, Ill.

The first tenth-grade class meeting of the year was held last Friday evening at the Memorial hall, the high school teachers being guests of the class. A very good time is the predominating report from those in attendance.

The first of the series of basketball games played by the High School Basketball league was played last Friday immediately after the band concert. At that time the team captained by Devere Fish defeated that under the leadership of John Lyle by a score of 11 to 0. The second game, that between teams led by Theodore Ferguson and Russell Hindenach, was won by the former's team by a score of 11 to 6. On Tuesday night of this week the two winners of last week staged a game in which after an uphill battle the team captained by D. Fish defeated that of Theodore Ferguson by a score of 8 to 6. These games are featured by fast and determined playing and serve to keep interest in this kind of work keen. The standing of the league terms to date is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
D. Fish's team	2	0
T. Ferguson's team	1	1
R. Hindenach's team	0	1
J. Lyle's team	0	1
E. Fish's team	0	0

The seventh grade had a class party in the domestic science room at the school house last Friday evening. The program consisted in supper at 5:30, after which the rest of the evening was spent in playing games.

At the request of Mr. T. A. Farrand, county agricultural agent, a survey was made in the high school to determine the amount of the earnings of the high school pupils during the recent vacation. The total report shows that of the 200 people enrolled in the high school 176 of them were engaged in aiding in the grape harvest. The aggregate earnings as reported amounted to \$4,156.78. It would seem that this report bears evidence that the charges made by some few people that high school students were not desirable help are entirely unfounded. These earnings certainly prove that the high school students were directly responsible for the saving of a large tonnage of grapes which might never have been harvested had it not been for this aid.

The local schools will hold a Parent and Patrons' day on Friday, December 14. At this time the various rooms will have specimens of the work done by that grade during this year on display and at the same time the regular classes will be in session in order that visitors will be able to observe the work as it is being carried on.

Mr. Kaye has been giving the second part of a language test in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades during the past week. This test is to determine the quality of work in the essen-

tial of written language which the pupils of each grade are capable of doing at this time and the results point out plainly where emphasis should be placed on those various essentials. From time to time tests involving the same principles will be given and thus the growth and development of ability in this work will be measured.

The new course of study in grade and junior high school history takes up the following subject matter:

Kindergarten and First Grade—Community Life, the home, the farm, the store, etc.

Second Grade—The Story of the Indians as based upon the story of "Ji-Shib, the Ojibway" and the Eskimos.

Third Grade—Stories of Shepherd peoples and of weavers including material regarding the Navajo Indians, the Persians, the East Indians, the Arabs, the goat herds of Switzerland, the shepherds of Scotland and Greece, and Old Testament bible stories.

Fourth Grade—Norse and Viking stories during first semester; early Van Buren county stories during second semester.

Fifth Grade—Greek Stories and Myths.

Sixth Grade—Roman Stories.

Seventh Grade—Middle ages as centered around the development of England.

Eighth Grade—The History of the United States.

This work is developed as much as possible through the methods of "learning through doing" and drawings, and table work, clay modeling, weaving and dramatizing, are forms of activity around which the subject matter is woven. Each teacher has a new outline of the course which includes the aim, the method of procedure, an outline of the subject matter and bibliography pertaining to same, and a list of the standards of attainment to be timed at.

About forty people in the high school are working for a Palmer penmanship certificate. This involves the mastery of a set of lessons which are so arranged that at the end the student has mastered both movement and letter forms which give a very legible hand and at the same time add speed to the writing.

Don't forget the Parent-Patrons' day, Friday, Dec. 14.

The pink bollworm, the worst enemy known to the cotton crop of India, probably originated there.

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